

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3049 - HB 3513

March 6, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the University of Tennessee to conduct a two-year study program on black fly suppression in Greenbrier Valley and certain areas near Pigeon River under the supervision of the Department of Agriculture. Such program shall begin no later than May 2007.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$178,400 One-Time

Assumptions:

- The proposed program would involve a minimum of 12 treatment sessions conducted annually in the French Broad River between Lanceville, Tennessee and the headwaters of Douglas Lake and the Pigeon River between Hartford and Oldtown (confluence with the French Broad River).
- Treatments would be conducted between April 15th and September 15th with the biological control agent, *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *israelensis*.
- Costs of the study program include \$27,000 for labor and consulting; \$45,000 for the insecticide (BTI); \$10,000 for research; and \$7,200 for other related costs totaling \$89,200 for each of the two years of the study program.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director